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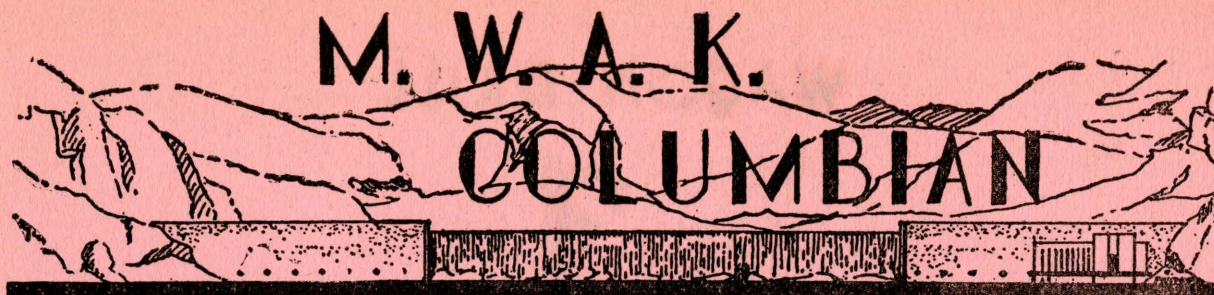
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BUILDERS OF COULEE DAM

MASON CITY  
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October 23, 1936

# GRAND COULEE DAM MUST BE COMPLETED!"

Pledging themselves to further the immediate completion of the Grand Coulee dam and the orderly development of 1,200,000 acres of land in the Columbia basin area, 100 members of the 24th annual conference of the Washington irrigation institute bade adieu to the Mason City scene of their gathering Thursday and Friday of last week.

The two-day session included 12 addresses, numerous discussions, banquet and luncheons, and tours of the dam site under the direction of bureau of reclamation and Company officials. Institute members voted to combine and edit in a single report the papers delivered by Ross K. Tiffany, executive officer of the Washington state planning council, and of Frank A. Banks, construction engineer for the Columbia basin project of the bureau of reclamation.

Addressing the opening Thursday afternoon session, Tiffany charged that "If irrigation ends in Washington, progress and growth of the state must end. We must do all in our power to impress congressmen and eastern industrial interests that the Grand Coulee power and irriga-

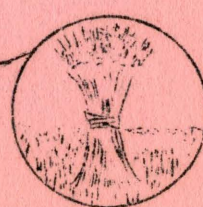
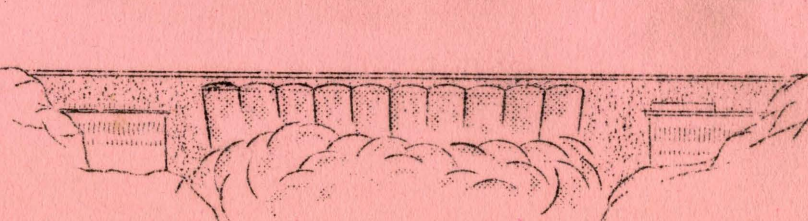
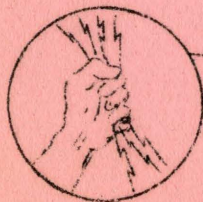
tion project must be completed.

"...WHEN PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT POWER GENERATED AT GRAND COULEE CAN BE MARKETING AS FAST AS PRODUCED AND WILL NOT KILL PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND THAT FARM PRODUCTS GROWN ON THE RECLAIMED ACRES OF THE COLUMBIA BASIN WILL NOT GLUT THE MARKET, THEIR OPPOSITION WILL STOP."

Tiffany's address, "Federal Reclamation in Washington--Its Value to the Nation," was followed by that of Mr. Banks, "Coulee Dam--Its Place in the National Reclamation Program."

A recent rapid increase in use of power has taken place without any marked increase in industrial development, explained the construction engineer. This "leaves us only to surmise what the demand will be when proper utilization is made of the minerals, raw materials and other resources of this region. BUT WITH GRAND COULEE ABSORBING ONLY ONE-HALF THE NORMAL INCREASE IN POWER DEMAND, CAREFUL STUDIES HAVE INDICATED THAT THE NET EARNINGS FROM THE SALE OF POWER WILL IN 50 YEARS LIQUIDATE THE COST OF THE DAM, POWER PLANT AND

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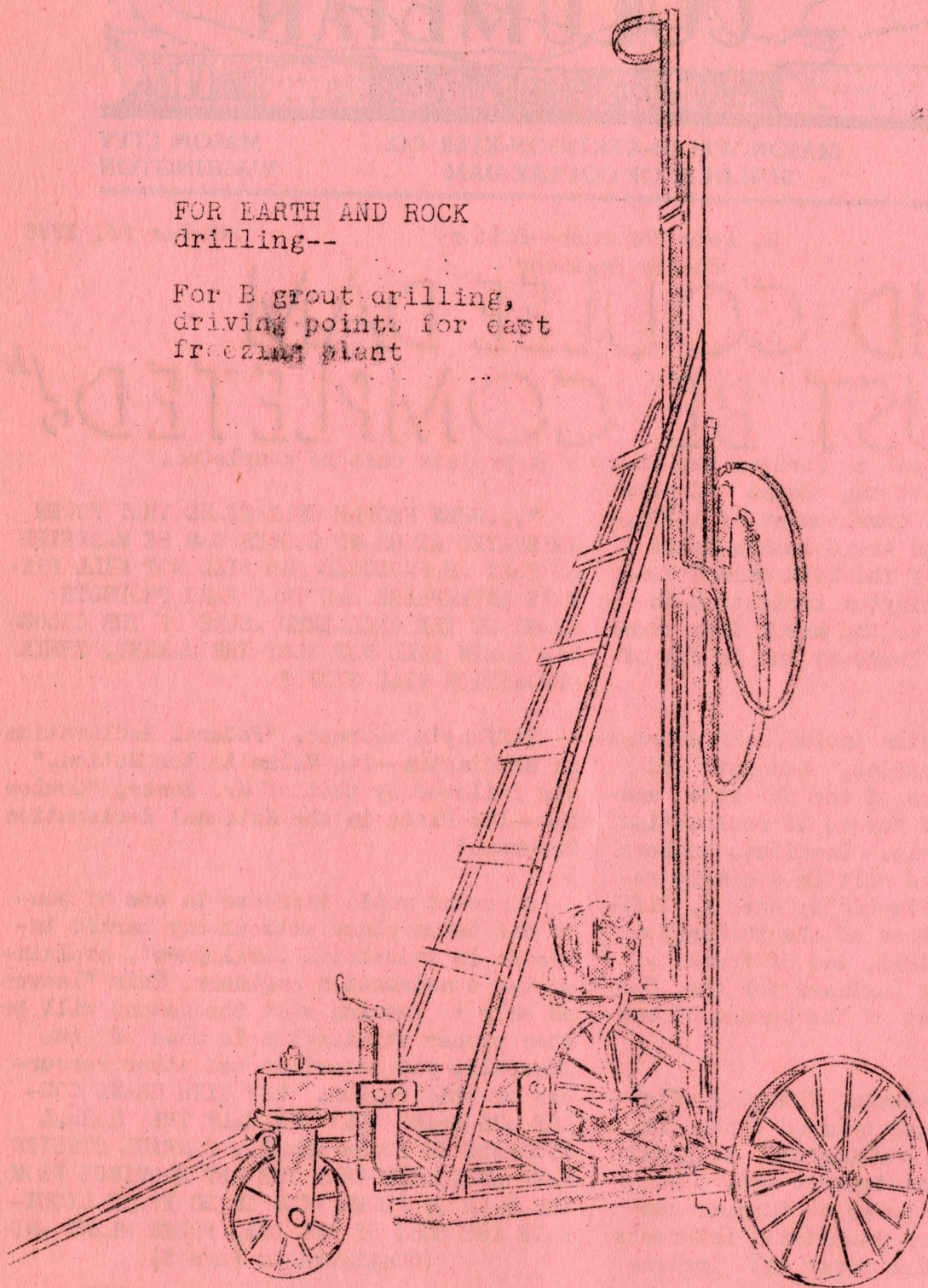




# WAGON DRILL

FOR EARTH AND ROCK  
drilling--

For B. grout drilling,  
driving points for cast  
freezing plant





## MUST BE COMPLETE

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ONE-HALF THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM, THUS INSURING THE SELF-LIQUIDATION OF THE PROJECT."

In the annual address by Thomas B. Hill, president, the Institute committed itself to a sound program of national education and effective action at the national capitol.

Three things, declared Hill, are necessary to carry out such a program successfully: (1) A completely united West, (2) A West that is mobilized to prepare and provide the facts, and to provide whatever budget is necessary. (3) A capable and effective representative at the Nation's Capitol.

Relying upon the address by Mr. Banks--

The full significance of the Columbia basin project, with its 1,200,000 acres of fertile, irrigable land, and its major structure, the Grand Coulee dam, with its 2,500,000 horse power, and the part they will play in the future of the Northwest is difficult to visualize at this time. Many years will have passed before they will have been completed. Conditions as we know them now will not obtain them.

"THE DEFINITE TREND OF MIGRATION TOWARD THE NORTHWEST, THEREBY ACCELERATING THE NORMAL POPULATION INCREASE, THE DESTRUCTIVE ACTION OF SOIL EROSION ON THE PRESENT TILLABLE LANDS OF THIS COUNTRY AND THE EXPANDED USE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN INDUSTRY, ALL CALL FOR THE ORDERLY AND WELL PLANNED RECLAMATION OF SEMI-ARID LAND BY IRRIGATION IN THE NORTHWEST."

During the decade ending 1930, the last for which there are reliable records, the population of the Pacific slope increased 33 per cent, about double that of the national average, Mr. Banks stated.

Soil erosion is taking out of production in this country more land than has been irrigated by the Federal government since the passage of the Reclamation act over 34 years ago, he explained. Flood and drought conditions during the past

few years in various parts of the East and Middle West have contributed to the unrest of those afflicted and given impetus to migration to the Northwest where there is but little gamble with weather, moisture or sunshine.

Officials of the Farm Chemurgic council, recently organized, predict that the time is not too far distant when THE INDUSTRIAL DEMAND FOR FARM PRODUCTS WILL EXCEED HUMAN AND ANIMAL CONSUMPTION. The Council, promoting experiments in transforming agricultural products into raw materials usable in industry, can show a typical example in the soy bean. Its oil is now usable as fuel for operating diesel motors and as a cooling agent for thread-cutting machines; bean plastics can be used in the manufacture of telephone receivers and moulded articles subjected to a greater strain than wood. The balance of the bean is suitable for animal food.

"The Columbia Basin project is essentially an irrigation project with power as an incidental but very valuable by-product and stream control as a substantial contribution toward the development of the rest of the river for power and navigation purposes. It takes advantage of the Grand coulee to divert water now running to waste in the sea and conveys it to the sun-parched lands of the Big Bend country. OUT OF THE NOW BARREN SEMI-ARID TRACT, IT CREATES AN EMPIRE EQUIVALENT IN AREA AND PRODUCTIVITY TO THREE YAKIMA VALLEYS. SUCH A PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE FARM HOMES FOR FROM 100,000 to 200,000 PEOPLE AND IN ADDITION THERETO SUPPORT AN URBAN POPULATION OF EQUAL SIZE."

In conclusion Mr. Banks re-affirmed that the firm power by-product of the dam will find a ready market in the orderly expansion of power uses, will encourage the development of natural resources and new industries and will insure the return of the Government's investment in the project.

"I trust you feel as I do," he said, "that this project should have a preferred place in the national reclamation program."





One oiler: "My ancestors came over on the Mayflower."

Another oiler: "Lucky for you they did. The immigration laws are stricter now."

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THERE IS LITTLE DANGER OF FOREST FIRES WHEN THE ONLY SAP PRESENT IS IN THE TREES.

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Harry James was driving slowly through a new country untouched by the waters of the Grand Coulee dam. Noting the sign "A. Swindler" on a window, he went in and asked the proprietor if it wouldn't look better if he used his full Christian name.

"No," he said. "It would look worse. You see my first name is Adam."

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SAFETY, LIKE A WHEELBARROW, STANDS STILL UNLESS YOU PUSH IT

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"Too bad about the disappearance of Louis Claypool. He was a profound thinker."

"Yes, he was always thinking, no matter where he was. The last time I saw him he was in swimming and he suddenly called out, 'I'm thinking! I'm thinking!'"

"You dunce, you! Louis spoke with a lisp."

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A PSYCHOLOGIST SAYS THAT WOMEN WEAR BETTER THAN MEN. THEY MAY WEAR BETTER BUT NOT SO MUCH.

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Life insurance agent (impressively): "Every time I breathe someone dies."

Madam: "Goodness! You should use Listerine."

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IN THE OLD DAYS A GUY COULD KISS A GIRL AND NOT HAVE TO WASH OFF THE EVIDENCE.

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"Just look at this perfectly gorgeous engagement ring Jimmie gave me last night."

"Good gracious! Has that ring finally got around to you?"

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"I wonder why we can't save anything."

The Mrs.: "It isn't our fault, honey. It's the neighbors. They're always getting something new we can't afford."

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KEEP ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF GOD, YOUR NEIGHBOR AND THE PAVEMENT--AND LIFE AND HAPPINESS ARE YOURS.

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Twenty minutes out from Charing Cross station a lean, lanky Britisher, slightly inebriated, looked out the window, turned to one of his companions and said: "Is this Wembly?"

The second Britisher replied: "No, it's Thursday."

The third Britisher, who up to this time had been silent, said: "I'm Thursday too. Let's have a drink."

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A JACKHAMMERMAN, NAME WITHHELD, SAYS THAT THE DENTIST TRIED TO TAKE AN X-RAY OF HIS WIFE'S JAW, AND ALL THAT HE COULD GET WAS A MOVING PICTURE.

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"Tried your new automobile on the road yet?"

"Yes, and I had a fine ride."

"Go fast?"

"Not so fast as the cop. That's where the fine came in."

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YOU CAN BREAK NO RECORDS BY BEING PHYSICALLY BROKEN

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Usher at one of these recent weddings: "Are you related to the bride or groom, sir?"

Stranger: "No."

Usher: "Then what interest have you in the ceremony?"

Stranger: "I'm the defeated candidate!"

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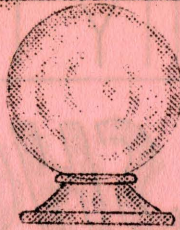
"How did you know my barber raised his price on shaves?"

Wife: "A little beard told me."

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## FROM THE CRYSTAL BALL



BILL WARREN trusting himself first down hill with daughter's newly-won bicycle...  
 JACK CANNON: "Bulldoze!"—"Bulldozer!"—"Bulldozing.".....  
 DON BRIGHT looking for specs that never come in.....  
 F. J. SMOLA persistently playing Rip Van Winkle.....  
 BILL GREEN daring the "iron horse" without touching leather.....  
 DON McCURDY beaming at the rise of the sun and son.....  
 MARGARET DANGERFIELD singing the jokes of an ancient age.....  
 CHARLES LARSON mixed in a mix.....  
 W. R. McDONNELL putting the chat in the chatter of a jackhammer.....  
 EARL LEPPER, "Discovered after 20 years!"  
 NELSON A. CHENEY slandered?.....  
 GLEN JOHNSON hiding behind a toothbrush..  
 A. H. (TINY) ALLISON on relief, but what a relief—(pause)—gang!.....  
 GEORGE ROBINSON wheeling about on one of the little Kars, not a kiddy car.....  
 LEROY WOLLENBERG—no destroying his faith in his alma mater.....  
 BINK PLATT dissecting a leg without compunction.....  
 MRS. DAVE HOPKINS remembering Sergeant Callahan very well.....  
 WM. C. FOWLER, SR. aware of the few smiles in life.....  
 V. K. TUGGLE wearing out a Webster International.....  
 JOHN O'SULLIVAN padlocking the key inside.  
 MASON LANG breaking into the white lights.  
 A. C. (FLINKY) FREIGHTMEIR unable to vacation all the time.....  
 JACK SMITH vainly trying to baritone in a whisper.....  
 BILL BRODIN after a two-wheel vehicle.....  
 CLEO McNALL adding a waist line to the ex-Cheney Normal situation.....  
 GAIL (FATSO) FOUTS Webfoot-ing it under a basketball net.  
 CHARLES LEE dreaming of miles per hour....  
 RED KENNEDY decorating the machine shop landscape.....  
 BRUCE ALLEN, "I couldn't win \$12.50.".....  
 HE, avoiding too much haste, hence avoiding accidents.....

## A YEAR AGO

-----Community club dinner dance to be held tomorrow night.  
 -----Five-story screening plant is complete.  
 -----Pour first footings for the downstream and upstream steel construction trestles.  
 -----Place last of intermediate trusses in block 40.  
 -----Senators Lewis Schwellenbach and Homer T. Bone and State Representative Sam B. Hill were Tuesday visitors.  
 -----Belting is in place to tower 3 for the suspension bridge conveyor.  
 -----Coulee Trading company and Field Area tie for softball title.  
 -----Begin work on final 80 feet of west slide area shaft.  
 -----Schedule first cement shipment for Nov. 4 arrival.  
 -----Bureau of Mines' representative to assist Company first aid instructor for indefinite period beginning Monday.

## ODDS ENDS

Fifteen degrees of longitude corresponds to about 1040 miles; at New York 15 degrees of longitude corresponds to only about 784 miles. At the Equator a difference of 17 miles makes a time difference of one minute; at New York 15 miles makes a difference of one minute in true local time.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS OVER THE NATION COST MORE THAN 137 LIVES FOR LAST WEEK END, ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Arthur (Dutch Schultz) Flegenheimer and two companions were shot by two gangsters at Newark, N.J. exactly one year ago.

TWENTY-TWO OF THE THIRTY-TWO PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES WERE LAWYERS.

In 1790 the state of Virginia ranked first in population. In 1930 it was No. 20 down the line. New York fifth in line in 1790 took over its uninterrupted lead in 1820.

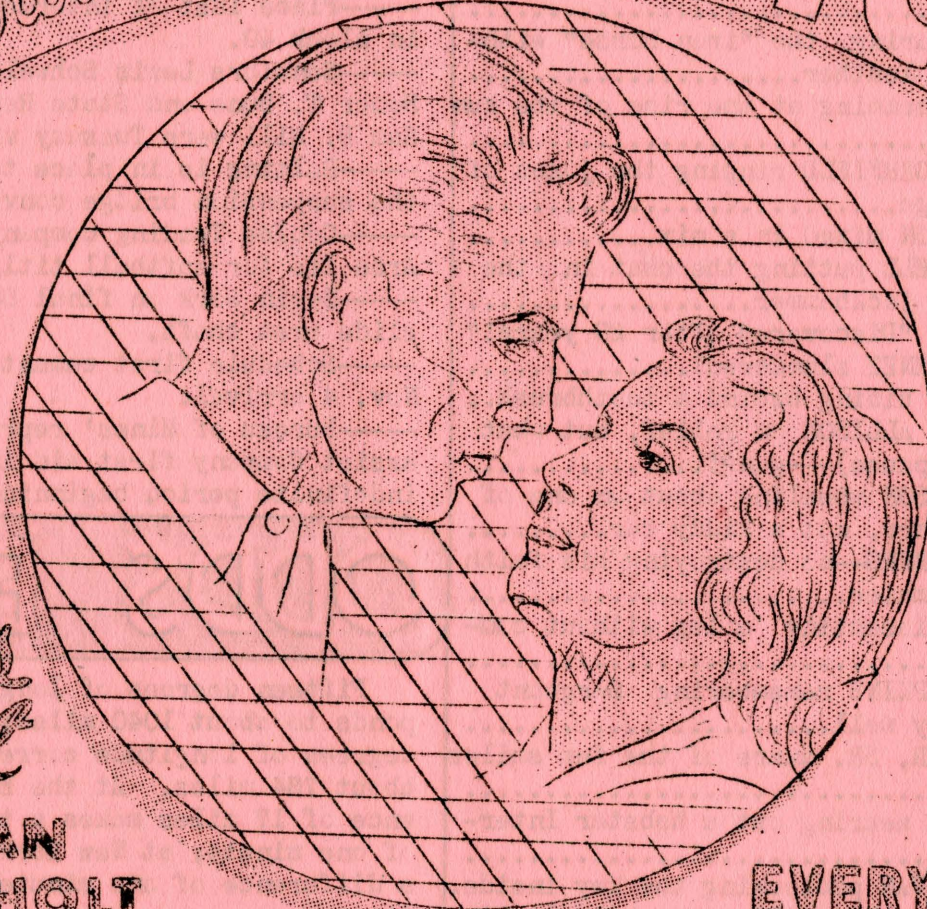
Two billion people inhabit the earth.



MASON CITY THEATRE

*IT'S GOT SHOCK!*

Barbara **STANWYCK**



*It's  
got*

**JEAN  
HERSHOLT**

*It's  
got*

**EVERYTHING**

Robert **TAYLOR**

**"HIS  
BROTHER'S WIFE"**

SUN. MON. TUES.



NOTHING FOR SOMETHING?

You've had salesmen pounding on your door, high pressure men drumming that "we are giving you a big thing for nothing." You may have been gullible once or twice, or more. Now you say you know a good thing when you hear or see it.

Suppose, as it has happened here, that you are in the vicinity of nail wounds, nail wounds, and more nail wounds--and you wear very light shoes, tennis shoes, because their first cost is cheaper! When a nail finally rifles its way into your foot, was not even that first cost too dear a price to pay for what you were to get out of what you bought?

Admittedly, the nail shouldn't have been there. If that knowledge is any kind of salve, it means something. But the nail was there! The nail wound is what counts, whether there should or should not have been a nail at a particular place.

A good, or even fairly good, shoe might have turned a nail aside or at least held it off. Indirectly that act would have been a financial gift to you. The first cost, in a sense, would have been nothing, because of the later saving both of finances and physical pain.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors and fellow workmen for the kindness and sympathy and financial aid extended us in our recent bereavement in the loss of our little son and brother, Danny Gene.

--Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Black and family

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CLUB HAS UNUSUAL MEETING

Predicting the Grand Coulee area as one of the best sports havens in the United States, Frank T. Bell, U. S. commissioner of fisheries, was a feature speaker at the Tuesday night meeting of the Poggie club, in the Mason City recreation hall. Bell spoke on the conservation and propagation of wild life. "I am back of you 1000 per cent," he said, referring to the organization of sportsmen. Game Protector Wardall also addressed the club.

The Tuesday meeting stimulated keen interest among those attending. The Poggie club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

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RIDDLE CONSIDERS PROBLEMS

C. D. Riddle, job engineer for the MWAK addressed the Washington irrigation institute on "Some Problems in Constructing the Largest Dam in the World."

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C GROUT DRILLING, COMPLETED LAST WEEK on the west side, equalled but a few feet less than one mile, according to lineal feet of drilling.

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AS A BENEFIT FOR THEIR ORGANIZING Basketball team, MWAK welders will give a masquerade Hallowe'en ball at the Casino Gardens, Thursday, Oct. 29.

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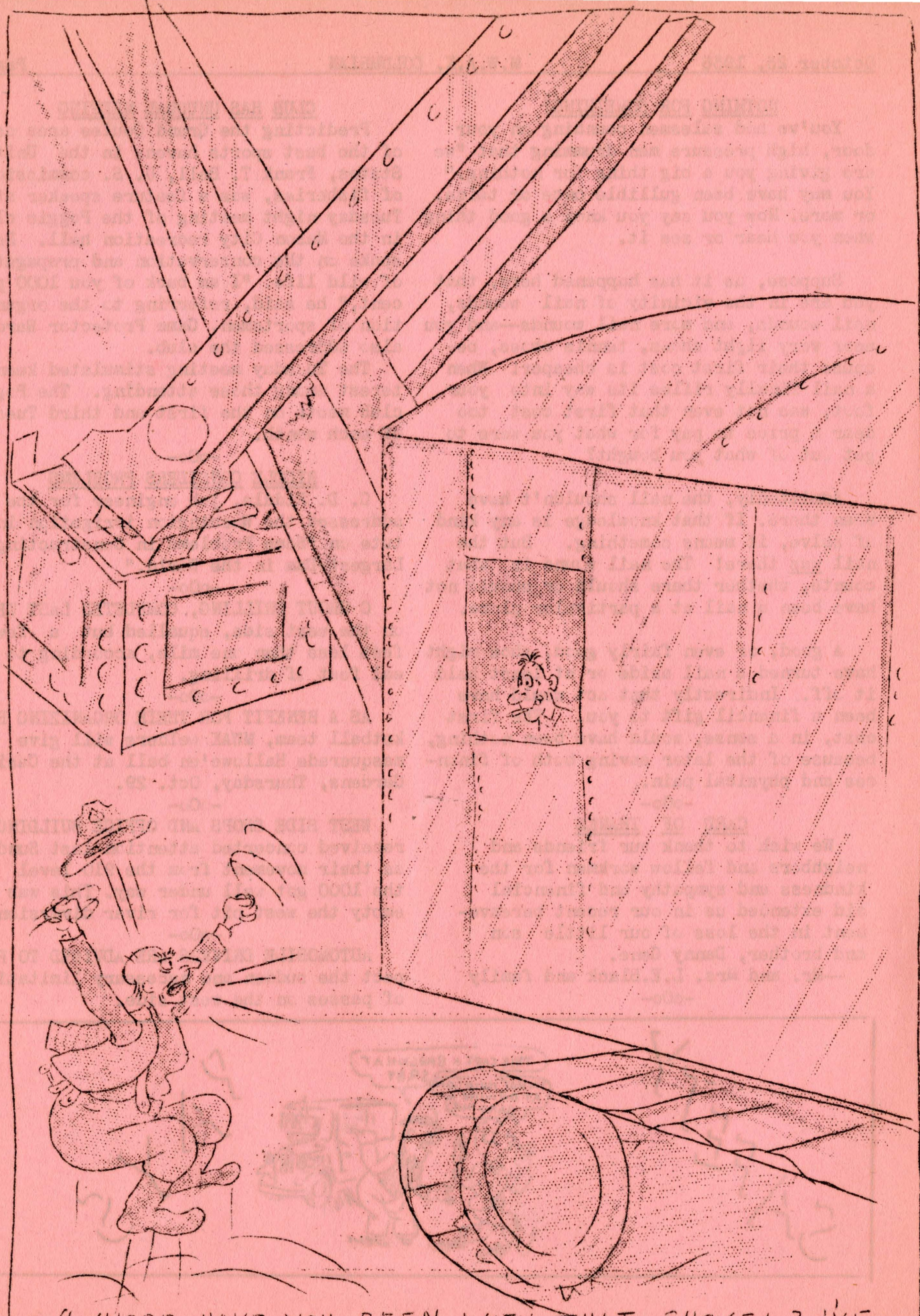
WEST SIDE SHOPS AND OFFICE BUILDINGS received concerted attention last Sunday as their movement from the 910 level to the 1000 got well under way. This was to empty the west pit for river diversion.

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AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS ARE ADVISED TO RESPECT the sudden and necessary limitation of passes on the west side.







"WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THAT SHOVEL? I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU...!"



# CHURCH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH—Father A. Farrelly, pastor

On Sunday, Oct. 25, mass will be said in St. Benedict's church, Mason City, at 9 a.m. and in Grand Coulee at 11 a.m. Instructions for children will be given Saturday at 10 a.m.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH—The Rev. W. W. Sloan, Ph. D., pastor

9:45 a.m. Church school.  
11:00 a.m. Morning worship; subject, "Taking Christianity Home"  
11:00 a.m. Junior church.

7:00 p.m. Three meetings:  
Junior high society.  
Senior high group.  
Continuation of vesper services on "Men Who Have Changed the World."

## THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS—R. E. Nuttall, superintendent

10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Mason City high school building.

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YOU HAVE NO ALIBI IF YOU'RE HURT!

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MWAK EMPLOYEES FIND-  
ing or losing anything  
on the job or in the  
Mason City area can  
find it advisable to  
notify the MWAK police  
in the east end of the  
Fire Department build-  
ing.

The MWAK police de-  
partment this week be-  
gan a regular file of  
lost-found articles.

—oOo—  
R. E. TREESE of Cab-  
in 73 Room 5 could for-  
get the \$5 but would ap-  
preciate the return of  
his pocketbook.

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SOUNDINGS OF THE CO-  
lumbia river for cross-  
river cofferdams were  
so near complete that  
beginning Monday the two  
shifts working were cut  
to one.

# PRE DIX SHUN

by Joe Farrell

Washington-14-----California-0  
U.C.L.A.-21-----O.S.C.-0  
Oregon-14-----W.S.C.-7  
U.S.C.-14-----Standord-0  
San Francisco U.-7-----Gonzaga-0  
St. Mary's-7-----Fordham-0  
Nevada-7-----Idaho-0  
Purdue-0-----Minnesota-0

Won-lost record last week: 3 of 5;  
total, 13 of 20.

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BASKETBALL BOOMED FOR THE MASON CITY  
OILERS last Saturday night as 25 stalwarts  
raced on the Government gym floor and  
20 turned out last Monday night.

Only two candidates announced them-  
selves for center positions Saturday. For-  
ward and guard position aspirants are ev-  
enly divided.

First scrimmages showed good knowledge  
of basketball fundamentals and surpris-  
ing pre-season teamwork.

Material on hand shows that the Oilers  
can put out either

a fast, rangy team or  
a flashy smaller five  
if desired.

ANOTHER GENERAL  
TURNOUT WILL BE HELD  
AT 7 SATURDAY NIGHT!

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Hal Harrison, MWAK-  
er of one month ago,  
played a substantial  
part in the second  
half of the surpris-  
ing WSC-USC football  
game last Saturday.

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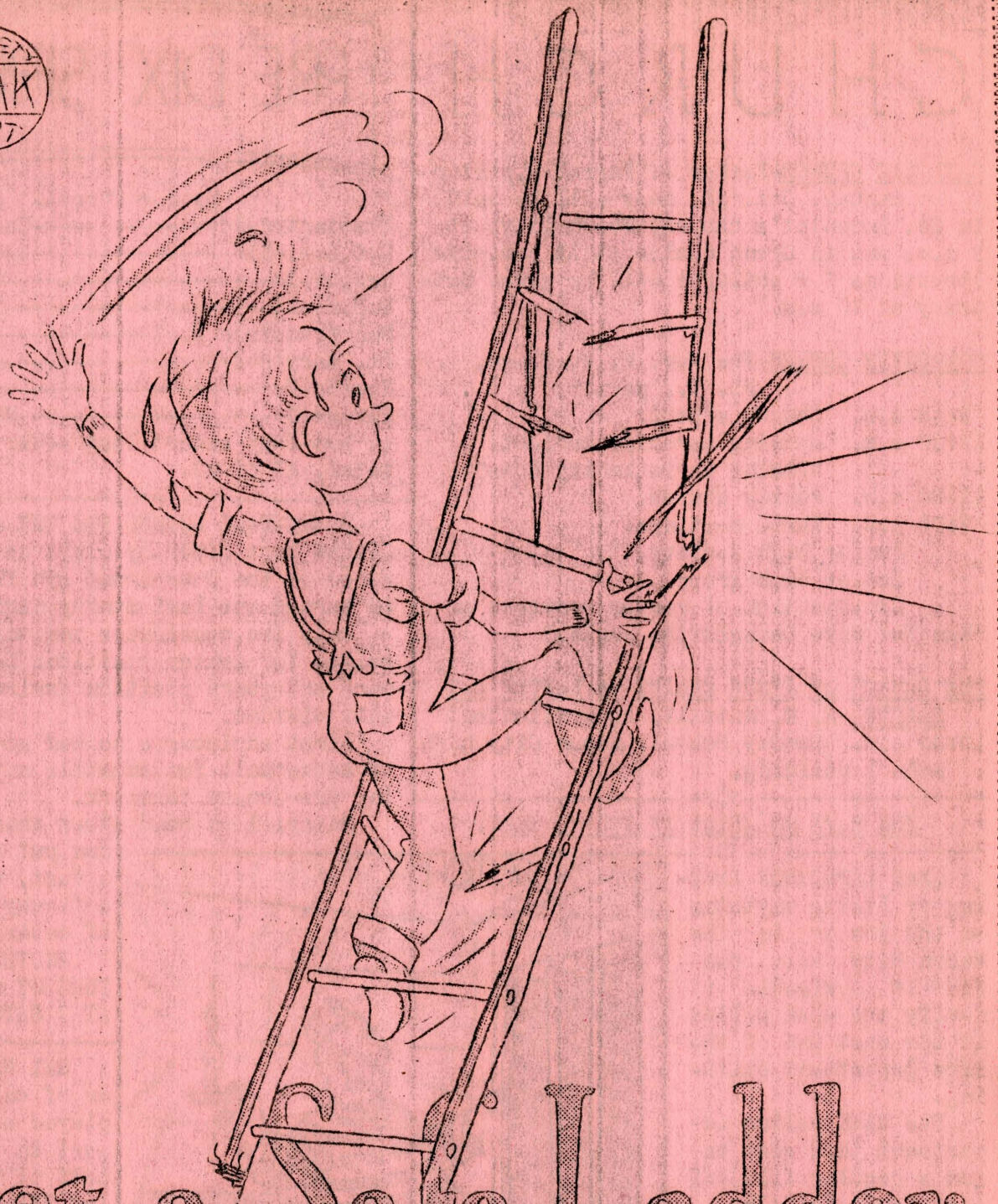
WATCH OUT FOR SWING-  
ING OBJECTS!

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Base blocks for  
the Grand Coulee dam  
will consist of 74,  
from No. 8 against  
the west abutment to  
82 against the east.  
Thirty-two of the  
blocks are on the  
west side.

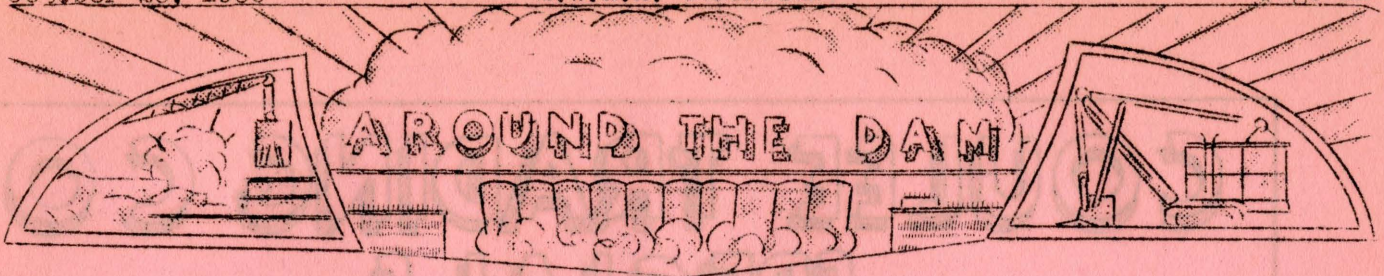






Get a Safe Ladder.  
Use it right!





#### EAST COFFER CHANGES

The first step in saying "bye-bye" to the 1130 feet of the east cofferdam began Sunday with a shovel cutting out the gravel fill at the north tip and workmen removing tie rods and backwall. Such work for the full length of the cofferdam has been completed up to a three to one slope at the south tip. Cofferdam removal provides a good roadway for east side machinery. The river wall above water level will be removed immediately.

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#### RIVER MOVES IN MONDAY

If plans go through, the first planned movement of the Columbia river into the west area will begin Monday.

Three 36-inch-diameter pipes operated by headgate valves will bring about the simple movement of water into the area. These pipes are planted horizontally off the south end of the main section of the west cofferdam.

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#### EAST POURING AWAITS CARPENTERS

Carpenter crews have been directing attention toward rebuilding a west side "settlement" to replace that busted from the 910 west side level, which will be flooded with diverted water.

The east side power house erection bay awaits only panel form construction before first concrete can be poured.

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#### CRIME DOESN'T PAY-- NEITHER DOES AN ACCIDENT

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#### LEGIONAIRES PREPARE DANCE PLANS

Planning for the widest attendance of the year, the American Legion and auxiliary are adding to their build-up for the Armistice dance, Nov. 11, in the Mason City mess hall. Posters will be placed and ticket sales swing under way the first of next month.

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Concrete in the diversion area has reached its required height for first plans.

#### EAST BASE ROCK FACES DYNAMITE

Caterpillars have crept down into a nearly dry pit on the east side where but a few thousand yards of dirt remain to be excavated. Another week and the deep hole will be open to rock blasting.

The Bagley drag, operating from a cable to scoop earth from the north to a south shovel, was removed Tuesday.

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ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION YARDS OF CON-  
crete have been poured.

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#### WEST TRESTLE MISSES STEEL

As a part of the diversion program, the steel of the downstream trestle from -32 to block-40 found itself under way of dismantling Monday.

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THREE SETS OF FOOTINGS FOR THE EAST side concrete trestle are poured and await steel erection.

First concrete pouring, however, does not depend upon the downstream trestle for the east side.

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THE ONE PER CENT UNEMPLOYMENT TAX WILL not be returned to employees today. Following a check of computations, the separate checks will be turned out next Friday.

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LAST MONDAY A SHOVEL BEGAN CUTTING OUT the final protective bank against the west cofferdam at the north end of block 40. The 20-foot cut is down to level 920.

*Born*

- Oct. 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Arnold of Elmerton, a daughter.
- Oct. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rolston of Grand Coulee, a son.
- Oct. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter of Koontzville, a daughter.
- Oct. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Cochran of Delano, a daughter.
- Oct. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. John Davis of Grand Coulee, a daughter.

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# COULEE TRADING CO

## SPECIALS

PORK ROAST.....	17¢#
PORK STEAK.....	22¢#
PORK CHOPS.....	29¢#

FISH  
OYSTERS  
CRABS

LEG SPRING LAMB.....	23¢#
SHLD " ".....	19¢#
LAMB STEW.....	5¢#
WHITE CLOUD SHORTENING.....	11¢#

### MEAT

### DEPT